

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

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Because chairs for extended seating applications are often used for extended periods of time, seating designers are continuously seeking ways to improve the comfort of the chairs. It is preferred that the seat back flex somewhat with respect to the seat cushion to improve comfort. However, providing a flexible seat back presents significant challenges to seat designers, especially where the chair must also stack or nest. Examples of stacking or nesting chairs with seat backs that flex relative to the seat bottom are shown in the following U.S. Patents: No. 4,549,764 to Haedo; Nos. 4,603,904, ~~4,869,559~~ 4,869,552, and 5,039,163 to Tolleson; No. 4,938,532 to Burgess; and No. 5,902,012 to Han. The designs disclosed in these patents are generally complicated and costly to manufacture, limiting their applicability. Also, the designs are generally limited to stacking chairs wherein the legs of the chairs are completely exposed.